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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, designated as paper number 11, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 4 as follows:

4.(amended) The process of claim 2 wherein the graphene layers of the flexible graphite sheets which make up the laminate are subjected to the application of pressure prior to the formation of the laminate, by increasing the pressure applied to the sheets during the calendering process.

Please add the following new claims:

- 18. A method of making a heat spreader or heat pipe comprising
 - a. forming a plurality of natural graphite flakes into two or more sheets of flexible graphite; and